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Dear Mr. Mayor:

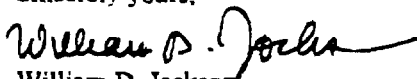
I am writing you in order to let you know that I will be in the Marshall Islands soon, to meet with our Rongelapsc patients. I will be accompanied by our Patient Coordinator/Translator, Mrs. Marie Laik.

The main purpose of the visit is to talk with and get feedback from our DOE patients about their experiences and feelings concerning the operations and provision of health care under our new, medical program. My promise to talk to them again, is one that I made to them a year ago, when we met. Many had expressed surprise and concerns that Brookhaven National Laboratory had been dismissed and that there were to be significant changes to the medical program and its operations.

We hope to see our patients both collectively and individually to solicit their thoughts and views. At the same time, I would like to meet with you privately to seek your opinions and advice about the program. I will be contacting your office for an appointment.

Here is our visitation schedule: Ebeye - 9/24-25; Mejjatto-9/26-27; Ulrik- 9/28-29; Majuro-9/30-10/4.

Sincerely yours,


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